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Thanks

... to those parents who visited our science fair this week

... to those who supported our year 4 to 6 sports teams at this week's interschool Winter Sports Tournament.

... to those helping with next week's room 9 and 10 field study and those accompanying our year 7 and 8 students to the Fifa match at Toll Stadium

... To Martin Brooker and ANZ bank for providing our Fifa tickets

People of the week

... every senior who entered an exhibit in this week's science fair and to those who received Highly Commended or Representative certificates.

.. Hayden C for helping another student to complete her science fair project while sick.

Term calendar (We will advise further dates as these come to hand)

1 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
2 June	Room 9 and 10 field trip (more to follow)
13 June	Trivia Night
16 June	Kamo High School management team visits to meet parents and prospective students (7:00 PM)
19 June	Portfolios issued
29/30 June	Parent interviews
3 July	Final day of term 2

Important message for users of the Kamo Bus

Please note that pick up from Kamo will be at the earlier time of 7:40 AM (not 7:50 AM) effective week beginning 8 June.

Parent Interviews

As advised, interviews will be held 29 and 30 June. Shortly we will invite you to make your online appointments. Thought you might like to keep some flexibility on these afternoon and evenings.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 29 and 30 June to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

Year 7 and 8 trip to Fifa World Cup Match - 2 June

A reminder that children depart around 12:00 on 2 June returning by approximately 4:00 PM (depending on traffic). **Please arrange pick up at this later time as buses will not be an option for these children.** Children are asked to wear their Matarau T-shirts and to bring something warm and relatively rain / wind resistant. We also suggest that children bring a snack with them as they will not be allowed to make purchases at the venue. We will have bottled water for them at the venue.

Science and Technology Fair Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the forthcoming Science and Technology Fair ..

Investigation		
Aimee C – Yr 7	Town Representative	Which Sweet? Which Sour?
Joseph J – Yr 7	Town Representative	Rock Dust Rocks
Mikayla H – Yr 7	Highly Commended	Cupcakelicious Science
Lilli P – Yr 7	Highly Commended	Does Smell Effect Taste
Hannah C – Yr 7	Highly Commended	Sprite VS Water
Johnathan D - Yr 8	Town Representative	Runoff
Grace W – Yr 8	Town Representative	Kauri Snail - The Sequel
Isaac W – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Spray and Walk Away

Technology		
Ella W - Yr 8	Town Representative	Six Pack Death Trap

Action Research		
Maddison F – Yr 7	Town Representative	Maui's Dolphin
Taylor D – Yr 7	Town Representative	Tasmanian Devils
Emily D – Yr 7	Highly Commended	The Secret Behind the Smile
YeonJu S – Yr 7	Highly Commended	Dolphins
Olivia M – Yr 7	Highly Commended	Allergies
Megan E – Yr 8	Town Representative	Yeast
Ethan H – Yr 8	Town Representative	Strep Throat
Dayna R – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Narwhals
Aimee W – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Teeth
Hayden C – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Diabetes
Jacob A – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Great White Sharks
Tyrone F – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Turtles
Jayden O – Yr 8	Highly Commended	Crohn's Disease

Reminders form last week

... please ensure that children are not dropped at school prior to 8:00 AM in the morning
... please be sure to close the school gates when coming and going from school during school operating hours
... if wanting to regularly use the Comrie Park Tennis courts at lunchtimes or after school please check with the school first.
... 40 km per hour please when passing the school in the period before 9:00 and after 3:00 .. please also keep vehicles moving in the carpark before and after drop off.

International Schools competitions

A reminder that these exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 28 July ... Mathematics -11 August.
Practice papers for these exams will be made available by the school as follows ..

English exam ... from week beginning 2 June

Maths exam ... from week beginning 14 June

This gives a preparation period of 4-6 weeks. As in previous years we will meet with participants from time to time to see how they are going and to provide encouragement. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided).

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

A number of families have yet to pay 2015 technology fees. We pay these on your behalf to the Hukerenui Technology Centre and so please get fees to school as soon as possible.

Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children will shortly be asked to confirm which secondary school(s) their child is likely to attend in 2016. It is fine to have change of mind but the secondaries will be asking us soon for an indication of likely numbers. We will get something out to you next week.

Information from Whangarei Girls' High School

Promotional visits to contributing schools	Wed 22 July to Fri 31 July 2015
Open Night	Thu 6 August 2015
Enrolments at contributing schools	Mon 10 Aug to Fri 21 Aug 2015
Enrolments begin at WGHS	Mon 24 Aug 2015
Orientation Day	Fri 13 November 2015

Headlice

These can be persistent in spite of conscientious parent efforts. We are happy to connect families with the public health nurse if you are battling constant re-infestation and would like to brainstorm possibilities.

Famine

It would be helpful if we could have all sponsorship money to school please by 12 June. Please note that it is a requirement that all sponsor booklets are returned. If your child took a booklet and did not participate we still need the booklets back at school. Thank you.

Trivia Night

... Saturday 13 June ... please keep this night free!

Personalised Learning .. chance to know more

We are slowly charting a new direction in learning at our school. We want you to be a part of our journey. We also want you to understand where, how, why these changes will make such a profound difference. This is NOT a "baby out with the bathwater" approach to learning. It is an approach to learning that taps into some of the key motivators of learning, as well as removing some of the historic barriers. If you would like to know more, we will be giving an overview on this new direction in the staffroom starting 3:15 Wednesday 10 June. **Please phone the school office next week if you think you will be in attendance.**

Finally

Don't forget to book in to the above meeting. Enjoy the long weekend. Travel safely if going away.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them



Request for a Ride

On an as required basis to start, but could become permanent, Child to be collected from Room 2, Matarau School at 3pm and dropped off to Mum at work, TRK on West End Ave. Petrol costs will be covered. Please contact Vanessa on 0274823852.

Community Notices

House for Rent – Rushbrook Rd, 3 bedrooms, garage & carport. No dogs. \$320 per week. Ph Diane 4335629.

For Sale - 4 bdr home in Matarau - wonderful views, in school zone, great neighbourhood. Easy grazing land on 2.4 acres. 1.5 bathrooms, huge deck, new carpets and paint downstairs. Call 027 4 37 1057 for more details.

Whangarei Coral Society –presents Elijah Mendelssohn, Saturday 30th May at 2pm, Christ Church, cnr Kamo Rd & Deveron St, Entry by Programme: Adult \$20, Seniors and Students \$15.

TRIVIA EVENING

- ✂ If anyone is in a position to donate a lamb/sheep or pig for a spit for the Trivia Evening, please email Donna McKenzie at donna@digitype.co.nz
- ✂ For those interested in helping with Trivia Evening there will be a meeting held on Tuesday 19 May at 3.15 in the library. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please email Donna Mckenzie donna@digitype.co.nz and she will set up another meeting to suit.

Prize for the
best dressed
team and table

Annual Trivia Evening

"A Country Fair" Fundraiser

Saturday 13 June 2015

Matarau School Hall - 7pm



Mr D. (Scotty) will be our fabulous quizmaster again this year
with some great new question formats

Thanks to the following companies who are sponsoring tables:

✂ Arc Security

If you or your company can sponsor a table (for \$100) please contact
Donna McKenzie on 021708070 or donna@digitype.co.nz Table Sponsorship gives you the
option to display your company's promotional material (banners/business cards etc) on the
night, and have your company name appear in the school newsletter reaching over 160
families,
prior to the Trivia Evening.

Prize Donations: if you are unable to sponsor a table, would you be able to donate a prize or
prizes for the night? These could either be used as part of silent/live auctions or a lucky door
prize. Prizes could be anything from chocolate to wine to bathroom products, or perhaps an
old gift that's not been used??? Any queries call Donna McKenzie.

Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)

Tickets are on sale at the office - \$15 per person

This includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper.

**Start thinking now about your costume, table groups and dusting off your
thinking caps!!**

You could be surprised just what trivia you know!

Don't miss out on a fantastic evening!!!

MATARAU SCHOOL CATERING SMASH CONFERENCE 2015—PLEASE HELP!!

After our past successful catering jobs & raising over \$2500 for our school —we have been offered a morning tea/lunchtime/afternoon tea/Nibbles catering job on Monday 15th June 2015 at Barge Park.

We will need two teams of volunteers to help prepare & serve food on the day or if you are able to help out with providing any of the items below, please tick & return this form to school no later than 3pm on Friday 5th June, so that we can collate & arrange what else is needed. Any queries please contact Jenny Wiegersma on 021729536. . Many Thanks for your help in advance.

	I am able to help out on the day from 9am-3pmish—Please please!
	I am able to help out on the day from 3pmish till 7pm—Please please!
	Fresh Bread (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Margarine & Mayonnaise (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Buns (for filled rolls) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Shaved Ham (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Shaved Chicken (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1kg Block of Cheese (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Eggs (for hard boiling) (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Lettuce (Required by 8.30am on 12/06/2015)
	Carrots (Required by 3pm on 12/06/2015)
	Tomatoes (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Pizza (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Large Pot of Homemade Soup (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Buns to go with Soup (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Garlic Bread (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Bacon & Egg Pies (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Savouries (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Mini Samosas (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Mini Spring Rolls (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Chicken Nibbles (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Fish Bites or Horderves (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Crackers (to be served with cheeses) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Gourmet Cheeses (Camembert; Brie etc) (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	100g Packet of Coffee (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	200 Tea Bags (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	1.5kg Sugar (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Baking: Slices, Cakes, Muffins, Scones etc. (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)
	Fresh Fruit (Required by 8.30am on 15/06/2015)

Name: _____ Contact Ph #: _____
(REMEMBER—MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK)